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1. STATE AND DEF-NSE CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS CON-
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TAINED REF. A AS FOLLOWS:

A. WE AGREE WITH THE INSERTION OF THE WORDS "AUTHORITY AND
RESPONSIBILITIES" IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE OF THE
BASE COMMANDER IN PARA. 6.

B. WE AGREE WITH THE PRESENTATION OF MAPS DELIMITING US

FACILITIES IMPORTANT TO OUR OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES, WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE SPECIFIC AREAS AT CLARK AND SUBIC SUBJECT TO THE CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA. 7. WHERE PERIMETERS OF US FACILITIES AND THE BASES ARE DELINEATED ON THE MAPS AS COTERMINOUS, A NARROW SECURITY ZONE, WITHIN THE US FACILITY, WOULD BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDER TO PERMIT HIS FULFILLING HIS PROPOSED PERIMETER SECURITY FUNCTION. WHERE US FACILITIES AND

PHILIPPINE BASE PERIMETERS ARE NOT COTERMINOUS SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY OF BC WOULD BE EXERCISED OUTSIDE OF US FACILITIES, IN PHILIPPINE BASE AREA. WE ALSO AGREE THAT THE US SHOULD SEEK TO APPLY TO ALL THE OTHER BASES THESE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED FOR SUBIC AND CLARK. THE MAP PRESENTATION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE CONSIDERATIONS IN PARAS. 3A THROUGH D AND PARA. 4 OF REF. F).

C. WE CONCUR IN THE UTILIZATION OF THE 1976 US POSITION ON THE FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP OF PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDER TO THE FACILITIES. REFS. B) AND C) APPLY IN GIVING THE DETAILS OF THE US POSITION IN COMMAND, SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATION, PARTLY COVERED IN GUIDELINES YOU PRESENTED (REF. (D)). SAME TEXTS APPEAR IN EMBASSY COMPILATION OF AUGUST 18, 1976 AS RENUMBERED ARTICLES 4, 5 AND 6. AFTER RECEIVING PHILIPPINE REACTION TO OUR OVERALL PROPOSAL ON ROLE OF BASE COMMANDER AND DELINEATION OF SECRET

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FACILITIES, WE WOULD HOPE YOU CAN REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH MARCOS AND THEN ESTABLISH A SPECIFIC FORUM FOR RESOLVING REMAINING DIFFERENCES IN THE US AND PHILIPPINE POSITIONS.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WELCOME THE INITIATIVE SHOWN BY ALL CONCERNED IN MANILA ON THIS COMPLEX SUBJECT AND AGREE WITH THE RATIONALE FOR ADOPTING A BALANCED GEOGRAPHIC AND FUNCTIONAL APPROACH. WHILE THE US POSITION OF RECORD MUST INCORPORATE ALL OF THE ELEMENTS OF PARA. 6, REF. A), WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN HIS APPROACH TO MARCOS FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT. WE PERCEIVE NO DIFFICULTY IN YOUR ORGANIZING THE PRESENTATION TO MARCOS IN THE MANNER YOU DEEM MOST DESIRABLE.

3. AS MANILA HAS NOTED, THE ABOVE GEOGRAPHIC AND FUNCTIONAL APPROACH IS FORTHCOMING, AND PHILS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN DOUBT; THAT THERE IS MUCH NEGOTIATING ROOM HERE.

4. AS REPORTED REF. G), APPROVAL OF, OR CHANGES TO, DELINEATED MAPS ARE BEING COMPLETED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL

SERVICE CHANNELS TODAY, 2 DECEMBER. GOP SHOULD BE
ADVISED THAT SURVEYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE EXACT
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